Withdrawal of Target Plus Scheme

1573. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment have taken cognizance of the concerns raised by auto sector against the withdrawal of Target Plus Scheme with retrospectively;

(b) whether Government agree with their concerns;

(c) whether Government are agree that retrospective withdrawal of Target Plus Scheme will impact the exports adversely; and

(d) what steps are being taken to address these concerns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Vide Notification No. 08 dated 12.6.2006 issued by DGFT, Ministry of Commerce, the rate of entitlement of duty credit was reduced to a flat rate of 5% for export during 2005-06. The amendments apply for exports from 01.04.2005. The Auto Sector continue to have access to duty free inputs for exports under Duty Remission and Drawback Scheme to neutralize the incidence of taxed and duties. Target Plus Scheme was a reward scheme, over and above the duty neutralization schemes.

(c) and (d) Exporters were taken into confidence by the Ministry of Commerce as early as March, 2005 as it was specified under Para 3.7.8. of the Foreign Trade Policy that changes might be affected in the scheme in terms of entitlement and rates. Exporters shall continue to have access to other schemes of duty free imports as well as the benefits of the Focus Market Scheme which has been recently announced.

Merger of Hindustan Cables with BSNL

1574. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: